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PADDY PRODUCTION IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that area under Paddy cultivation in Kerala has decreased and the consumption of fertilizers and pesticides has increased; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The details of area under paddy/rice cultivation, along with consumption of fertilizers and pesticides in Kerala during the last two years i.e. 2010-11 and 2011-12 are given in the table below:-

Year	Area under Paddy/Rice (lakh ha.)	Consumption of Fertilizers (lakh tonnes)	Consumption of Pesticides (tonnes)
2010-11	2.13	5.61	657.32
2011-12	2.08	5.24	629.46

It is observed that during 2011-12, the area under paddy/rice cultivation in Kerala has declined as compared to the area under paddy cultivation during the previous year i.e. 2010-11. Similarly, the consumption of fertilizers and pesticides in the State has also been lower during 2011-12 as compared to the previous year.